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California Commission on the Status of Women

Holds Public Hearings on Issues Confronting

Women and Girls

Fresno, CA – The California Commission on the Status of Women (Commission) will hold a public hearing in Fresno addressing issues affecting women and girls on Thursday, September 28th, 2006 from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Fresno State Building, 2550 Mariposa Mall, #1036 (Assembly Room). The Fresno hearing is the second of three hearings to be held in different locations throughout the state in September and October.

This is the first time in the Commission's history that hearings will be held to gather information from the public about obstacles and challenges faced by women and girls in California. Holly Mitchell, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, said "We are delighted to be able to provide a forum for Californians to voice their opinions and talk about real problems faced by women and girls every day. We look forward to hearing from people throughout the state who have ideas about how we can help to improve the lives of women and girls. We are confident the hearings will provide valuable information that will assist us in our ongoing work to achieve equal opportunities for all women." Information from the hearings will help determine the Commission's legislative agenda and recommendations for administrative action, the state budget, and studies on issues impacting women and girls.

The hearings will be held on the following dates:

September 20, 2006	Center for Healthy Communities The California Endowment 1000 North Alameda Street Redwood Room Los Angeles, CA 90012 2 to 6 PM
September 28, 2006	Fresno State Building 2550 Mariposa Mall, #1036 (Assembly Room) Fresno, CA 93721 1:30 to 5:30 PM
October 19, 2006	State Capitol Building, Room 447 Sacramento, CA 95814 1 to 5 PM

Hearings are co-sponsored by:

- ◆ Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus
- ◆ Association of California Commissions for Women
- ◆ California Legislative Black Caucus
- ◆ California Legislative Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Caucus
- ◆ California Legislative Women's Caucus
- ◆ Latino Legislative Caucus
- ◆ The Women's Foundation of California

For additional information on the Commission's public hearings, go to www.women.ca.gov or contact the Commission office at 916-445-3173 or by email at info@women.ca.gov.

The California Commission on the Status of Women is a state agency established in 1965. The Commission is mandated to study issues affecting women and to advise the Governor and Legislature on inequities in laws, practices and conditions that impact women.

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